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REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's helpful comments that were provided during a teleconference with Applicant's undersigned counsel on November 15, 2005. Applicant notes that this Amendment amends the claims in the manner discussed by the parties during the teleconference.

Claims 4, 7-8, 11-13, 15, 18 and 21-25 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim has been amended to more clearly define the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 7-8, 11-13 and 24-25 are allowed. However, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 4, 15, 18 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. However, Applicant submits that the claimed invention of claims 4, 15, 18 and 21-23 are clearly described in the specification and fully comply with 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Specifically, Applicant would point out that claim 4 has been amended to recite "*an alignment layer formed between said plurality of protrusions and said first substrate*". Applicant would point out that this is clearly described in the present Application.

Specifically, Figure 2A depicts a liquid crystal display having a transparent substrate 101 with protrusions (e.g., spacer 119) formed thereon, and an alignment layer 103 formed between the protrusions (e.g., spacer 119) and the substrate 107 (e.g., lower substrate) (Application at Figure 2A; page 12, lines 12-24).

Therefore, Applicant submits that the present Application clearly describes a liquid crystal display having an alignment layer formed between the plurality of protrusions and the first substrate.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this

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rejection.

Applicant notes that claims 4, 15, 18 and 21-23 are not rejected based on prior art grounds and would therefore, be allowed if the alleged informalities are addressed.

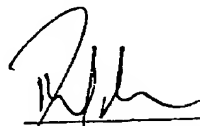
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 4, 7-8, 11-13, 15, 18 and 21-25, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Fazli Erdem, Group Art Unit # 2826 at fax number 571-273-8300 this 16th day of December, 2005.



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